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In re application of: William L. Elderson  
Application No.: 09/888,897      Group Art Unit: 3635  
Filed: June 25, 2001      Examiner: Horton

For: BRIDGING SYSTEM FOR OFF-MODULE STUDS

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.

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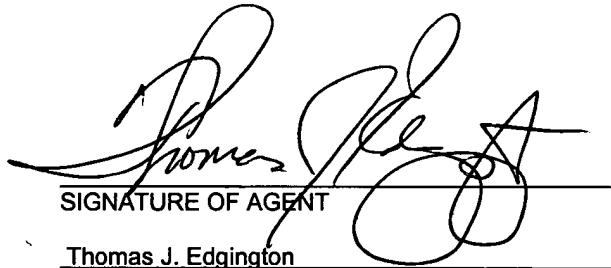
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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 10, 2002 (the "Official Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application (the "subject application"), and to place the subject application in better condition for allowance, please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A stud bridging/spacing system adaptable to engage one or more studs, comprising:
- a bridging member having a longitudinal axis;

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